

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

THE WEATHER

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

Us farmers in the country, as the seasons go and come, Is purty much like other folks,—we're apt to grumble some!

Now what I'd like and what you'd like is plane enough to see: It's jest to have old Providence drop round on you and me

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

vacation with relatives in Martinville, Va.

Miss Annie Whitley is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Beasley, in Hampton.

Among the Richmond people who are now at Crozet and who will attend the Albemarle Horse Show are Mrs. C. H. Ryland, Jr., Miss Nellie Bargamini, Miss Neil Christian, Mrs. Robert S. Christian, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. Frank Craigie, Jr., and Mr. Paul Christian.

Miss Miriam Phillips is the guest of her cousin, the Misses Mellon, in Newport News.

Colonel and Mrs. A. S. Buford are at Rawley Springs, Va.

The Old Dominion Dragoons Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, of Hampton, are planning for a lawn fete to be given in the courthouse yard next Tuesday evening.

Miss Fannie Stoffregen, of Fredericksburg, is visiting friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Benham Cameron and daughters, of Raleigh, N. C., and Mrs. Markerson, of Wilmington, N. C., are at "Powhatan," the home of Mr. Peter Mayo, in Clarke county.

Miss John U. Page, of Charlottesville, is in the city to be with her mother, who is ill.

Mrs. Samuel Tisdale is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Virginia C. Cassell, in Cottage Place, Portsmouth.

Mr. Frank Burgess, of Hampton is visiting his grandmother here.

Miss Virginia Downey, of Alexandria, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Maggie Stone.

Miss Helen Beach is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Beach, in Roanoke.

Miss Mamie Doswell has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William Dean, in Newport News. Her brother, Mr. Claude Doswell, of Panama, also visited Mrs. Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. McCann are at Pine Beach Hotel.

Miss Isabel Harrison is the guest of the Misses Lea at "Bloomfield," near Charlottesville.

Miss Maggie Hudspeth is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tuggle, in Martinsville.

Miss Margaret Walstrom, of Atlanta, is in the city.

Miss Florence Owens is spending some time in Goldsboro, N. C. Before returning to her home here, she will also visit Wrightsville Beach, N. C.

Mrs. Ida Mehurin, of Staunton, and her niece, Miss Edith Derrit, of Indianapolis, Ind. are at Natural Bridge, Va. They will continue their trip in a few days, visiting Richmond, Norfolk, Virginia Beach and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. James Palmer have returned to their home in Newport News, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, on Barton Heights.

Misses Elizabeth and Ruth Harrison, of Richmond; Miss Mildred Frances, of Norfolk; and Miss Annie Seay, of Blacksburg, are visiting Miss Mary Kearfoot, in Martinsville, Va.

Mr. Elmer Norris is visiting his father, Mr. M. R. Norris, in Alexandria.

Miss Bessie Haynes has returned from a visit to her brother, in Newport News.

Misses Willie and Sallie Woodson are visiting at the home of Mr. John W. Gentry, near Crozet, Va.

Mr. J. B. Haw and son, Master Cummings Haw, who have been visiting in Richmond and Hanover county, have returned to their home in Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gessinghaus, Master Leslie and Miss Goldie Gessinghaus and Miss Nellie Smith, of Richmond, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bawell, in Newport News.

Miss Florence K. Doughty is visiting her brother, Mr. W. H. Doughty, in Harrisonburg.

Mrs. Smith and niece, Miss Edith Kilpatrick, have returned to their home in Brambleton, after a delightful trip, which included Richmond, Baltimore, Washington, Pen Mar, and Atlantic City.

Mrs. F. M. Harby has returned from Rawley Springs, Va.

Mrs. S. P. Sadler, Mrs. L. M. Vaughan and Master Alfred Vaughan left yesterday to spend August with Mrs. Wayland, at Crozet, Va.

Miss Margery Knowles has returned from Virginia Beach, and left yesterday for a trip North.

Mrs. T. E. Rittour left last evening for Chicago, where she will join her father, and together they will go for a trip to the Great Lakes and other points of interest.

Colonel McCabe Goes Abroad.

Colonel W. Gordon McCabe left Richmond on the noon train yesterday for New York, from which port he sails to-day for Europe

CONFINANCE IN TELEGRAPH CASE

Western Union and Postal Companies File Briefs Before State Corporation Commission.

SHORT CONTINUANCE GRANTED

Probability That Telegraph Rate Cases May Be Settled Without Legal Delays.

Judge A. L. Holladay, State counsel for the Western Union Telegraph Company, and Mr. C. V. Meredith, special counsel for the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, appeared yesterday morning before the State Corporation Commission in response to summons, and filed answers for their respective clients, giving reasons from their standpoints why it is impracticable and improper for them to consider the tariff rates promulgated and proposed to be enforced by the commission.

Counsel explained the delay in presenting the briefs and the explanations were perfectly satisfactory to the commission. The commission took a recess to 3:30 to consider the case.

W. A. Mohagan, manager of the Southern and Adams Express Companies, also appeared before the commission yesterday morning and asked for a few days more time in which to prepare and file an answer as to why the schedule of rates proposed for Virginia by the commission should not be adopted.

Value of Competition.

That of the Postal, which is much shorter than the Western Union, recites that the company first constructed its lines, established offices, and prepared to afford to the citizens of Virginia the benefits to be derived from active, aggressive competition in the telegraph service in 1853. At that time the average toll on telegrams throughout the United States was a fraction over 8 cents, and the average cost of handling telegrams throughout the United States at that time was a fraction over 22 cents.

Alleged Disorderly Acts of Troops to Be Looked Into.

The alleged disorderly conduct of the Virginia troops at Chickamauga, where they have committed depredations and other acts of vandalism on the Union News stand and the store of J. A. Spence in Raleigh, N. C., while en route to the encampment, will be thoroughly investigated by Governor Swanson and Adjutant-General Anderson. If the facts in the case warrant such a course, Colonel Vaughan, of the Seventy-first Virginia Regiment, has been requested by General Anderson to make investigation and to report the findings to him. The people who are alleged to have suffered losses at the hands of the troops from Virginia will be compensated.

Knights of Columbus Entertainment.

What promises to be a most pleasant and delightful occasion will be the concert given by the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 1235, in their lovely hall at Lakeside Park, Thursday evening, August 2, 1906. This event has been looked forward to with the expectation of an evening of much enjoyment.

Officers of St. Ann's Society.

At an annual meeting of St. Ann's Society of St. Mary's Church Sunday evening the following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Katie Plageman, president; Mrs. Mary Vondelohr, vice-president; Mrs. Rosa Arnold, secretary; Mrs. Kramer, treasurer.

Mr. Trama in Corsica.

Mr. Phil Trama, of this city, writes The Times-Dispatch, under date of July 19th, that he has arrived at Granagoglio, Island of Corsica, and is well.

Watch Your Thirty Feet of Bowels!

YOU have thirty feet of Intestines! What makes food travel through them?

A set of Muscles that line the walls of these Intestines or Bowels.

When a piece of Food rubs the walls of the Intestines these Muscles tighten behind it, and thus it starts a Muscle-wave which drives it through the whole length of the Bowels.

It should take about 12 hours to do this properly, so that nutritious parts of the food may have time to be digested and absorbed.

But, — If it takes twice or three times that period the food spoils in passing, and becomes as poisonous as if it had decayed before being eaten.

Now, the cause of delay (Constipation) is simply Weakness, or Laziness of the Bowel-Muscles.

Want of Exercise, Indoor Employment, weakens these Bowel-Muscles, just as it weakens Arm and Leg Muscles.

"Physio" like Salts, Calomel, Jalap, Phosphate of Soda, Mineral Waters, simply flush-out the Bowels for the one occasion only.

They do not remove the Cause of Constipation. But this is different with Cascarets. Cascarets act on the Muscles of the Bowels and Intestines. They act just as Cold Water, or Exercise act on a Lazy Man. They act like exercise.

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There has been a considerable discussion in this and other States as to the Utility of the Public School Course. The Times-Dispatch believes that the Public School Course of Virginia is practical, as is also that of the private schools. To demonstrate this, and to aid worthy people to obtain a business education, it has arranged two Scholarships to be given away, the choice either of a Commercial Course or a Full Course in Stenography and Typewriting, at SMITHDEAL'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, to the two boys or girls who write the best letter applying for a position in answer to this advertisement.

WANTED—By a firm doing a large manufacturing business, an Assistant in office; must be industrious, not under 16 years old and not over 21, neat in personal appearance, and ready to give satisfactory references as to character. Salary will be liberal and good opportunity to advance. Address, in own handwriting, MANUFACTURING, care The Times-Dispatch.

This, of course, is an imaginary firm. You must apply in your own handwriting, and not be assisted by an older person. Do not sign your own name to the letter you write, but such fictitious name as you wish, but in the letter which you enter in the competition enclose in a smaller sealed envelope your name and the name of your parents, or guardian, and address. This envelope when received will be numbered in duplicate with your letter as an identification after the award has been made by a committee of well-known business men. Any white boy or girl over sixteen and under twenty-one years old in Virginia can enter this contest. In addition to the full course of either Commercial or Stenography and Typewriting at SMITHDEAL'S PRACTICAL BUSINESS COLLEGE, Richmond, one of the foremost business colleges of the country, The Times-Dispatch will give to each of the successful contestants \$10.00 cash, a sufficient amount to purchase all books and supplies for either course—so all the course will cost the successful contestants is the writing of a letter to this paper. The contest will close Friday, August 10th. Address all communications to

The Times-Dispatch, Commercial Scholarship Contest.

STERLING FIGHTS, WEARING NIPPERS

Creates Excitement in Court, but the Bracelets Are Put on the Man.

UP FOR HOUSE-BREAKING

He and Two Other Young Men Charged With Stealing Brasses.

John Sterling, John Morton and Frank Greener, white men, none of whom are over twenty-one years of age, were in Police Court yesterday morning charged with being suspicious characters. Attorney Ernest H. Wells, counsel for the Passenger and Power Company, stated to the court that the three men were wanted by the Chesterfield authorities for housebreaking and larceny, and that the warrants for their arrest were then in the courtroom. Justice Crutchfield ordered the prisoners turned over to the Chesterfield authorities, and Officer C. W. Overton read the warrants to the men.

Sterling has a bad police record, and when the officers wanted to place handcuffs on him in the Police Court room he strenuously objected, and for a minute or so there was considerable excitement. Sterling declared that he would not be handcuffed. His friends interceded, and he was going to be allowed to walk to Manchester without the irons on his wrists had he not become unscrupulous persons successfully scheming to make natural weaknesses of the telegraph a source of revenue, and we are practically without protection from such schemes.

"We believe that if repetition without change be required by the commission, the demand would be made upon us to such an extent as to very materially increase the cost of operation, and result in serious losses."

The brief calls attention to the petition of telegraph companies for the control of the rate of telegrams, and says that the act of Congress of July 21, 1892, sections 5263 to 5268, inclusive, and is under this act an instrument of interstate commerce. It can enter each State without the State's consent, and is therefore not to be regarded as a public corporation subject to the control of the State. It is also, under the provisions of the act of Congress, of the Constitution, and also Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Virginia.

Western-Union's Plea.

The answer of the Western Union is much longer than that of the Postal, and recites many of the same facts as to the cost of doing the telegraph. The company says it commenced business in 1851, that it controls not less than 300,000 miles of wire; that the company has 23,000 offices and transmits yearly some 83,000,000 messages. The references to legal records are substantially the same as in the Postal's brief.

The three men are alleged to have broken into a house on the Petersburg Intourban line and stolen a lot of brass. A hole was dug under the house and the men cut through the floor.

Sterling has once been to the reformatory, and has often been arrested on serious charges.

Struck His Wife.

With the cooing of his infant babe ringing in his ears, J. B. Austin, a white man, faced Justice Crutchfield in Police Court yesterday morning and boldly declared that he had smacked his wife and was guilty of the charge that she had made against him.

Not two feet from his side stood his wife holding in her arms a little child, just old enough to coo and make homelike worth the living.

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